

REMARKS

Claims 1-68 were presented for examination and were pending in this application. In the latest Office Action, claims 1-68 were rejected. With this amendment, claims 1, 30, and 51 are amended. On the basis of the following remarks, consideration of this application and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Each of the claims has been rejected as made obvious by a combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,774,951 to Narushima and U.S. Patent No. 6,774,951 to Morita et al., either by themselves or in combination with other references. In each rejection, Morita was cited for the previously claimed limitation that “the printed representation includes meta data associated with the electronic representation of the time-based media at a plurality of times thereof.” Specifically Morita’s representation of weather information in FIG. 1 was cited for this limitation.

Statement of Substance of Interview

On May 9, 2006, Applicants’ representative Robert Hulse conducted an interview with examiner King Y. Poon. In this interview, the pending rejections of all claims were discussed.

During the interview, Applicants’ representative argued that the references do not disclose or suggest, alone or in any combination, the feature that “the printed representation includes meta data associated with the electronic representation of the time-based media at a plurality of times thereof.” Specifically, Applicants’ representative pointed out that Morita’s FIG. 1 illustrates a single point in time, not a plurality of times. Nevertheless, Applicants’ representative and examiner Poon discussed alternative limitations that would better distinguish the cited references. During this discussion, it was agreed that replacing the previously added limitation with the following one would better distinguish Morita: “wherein the printed

representation includes a representation of the time-based media at a plurality of times thereof and meta data that associates the electronic representation with the plurality of times represented in the printed representation.” Accordingly, to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended each of the independent claims to replace the previous limitation with this new limitation.

It is understood that the allowance of the claims is subject to any further searches conducted by the examiner. When conducting any further search and/or application of prior art, the examiner was also urged to consider the claimed feature that at least some of the processing to determine the printed and electronic representations of the time-based media be performed by the printer rather than software running on a general purpose computer.

Based on the foregoing, the application is in condition for allowance of all claims, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the examiner believes for any reason direct contact would help advance the prosecution of this case to allowance, the examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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